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which gives details on the following: (1) Telephone lines which serve the Biesenthal Weapons Depot, (2) Rail shipments which were in Biesenthal, and (3) Rail shipments despatched from the Bernau Clothing Depot.

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Soviet activity at BIESENTHAL, BERNAU

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BIESENTHAL

1. At BIESENTHAL station there are two Russian units that occupy adjoining grounds, i.e. the P.O.L. Depot at 112.465 and the Weapons Depot at 005.460.

2. Of these two units the Weapons Depot has the greater number of telephone connections, which are described as follows (see also sketch at Appendix "A"):

(a) A main line with 8 wires coming from the direction of MELCHOW is carried on strong telegraph poles with two cross pieces, one shorter than the other. Each cross piece carries 4 wires on insulators. From the last pole on the BIESENTHAL-GRUNTHAL road the wires are grouped in a cable running underground towards the depot.

(b) A main line with 12 wires coming from the NW, branches south past the WEB Konfektion-Leder. At this point 6 wires branch off to the P.O.L. Depot at 112.465. The main line continues to the BIESENTHAL-GRUNTHAL road from where the wires are bunched in one cable which enters a building in the weapons Depot through an attic window. One room of this building serves as a telephone exchange. The 12-wire line is carried on strong telegraph poles as described in 2 (a) above.

(c) A third line of 6 wires comes from the NW. This line is carried by strong poles with one cross piece with the wires affixed alternatively above and below the cross piece. From the last pole on the BIESENTHAL-GRUNTHAL road the line runs to a short mast on the roof of the building described in (b) above, and then on into the depot.

3. A 2-wire line leads from the roof of the building described in 2. (b) to the neighbouring administration building of the Depot.

4. In the telephone room of the building described in 2. (b), there is an exchange with six rows of connections. The exchange panel is approximately 1 metre high and 75 cms. wide. The personnel serving the exchange wear black/red uniforms. There is no German connection.

5. 3 June 57

At BIESENTHAL station

(a) 14 x 37 mm. A/A and 6 x 2-axled with box bodies were off-loaded for the Weapons Depot.

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(b) 2 x Cistern wagons arrived at the station for the P.O.L. depot.

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6. 5 June 57

Between 1100 and 1200 hours:

18 x 2-axled [] bowlers and 12 x 2-axled [] with
[] containers left the P.O.L. Depot in the direction of BIESENTHAL.

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BERNAU

7. 31 May 57

The clothing depot, BERNAU, dispatched clothing to the following
units:

(a) []

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(b) []

8. The telephone exchange of the BERNAU clothing depots has a panel
with 9 rows of connections and a special German connection.

9. 28 May 57

At 1100 hours 5 prime movers, each towing a 100 mm. Mod. 44 gun,
passed SCHONEFELDER WEG. The prime movers are described as follows:

(a) Tracked, with 5 bogey wheels.

(b) Armour-plated body work, sides straight (not as in APC 6 x 6),
but armoured observation slits in front of driver's visor plate
(as in APC 6 x 6).

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